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For: CONTAINER HAVING A RIM OR OTHER FEATURE ENCAPSULATED BY OR  
FORMED FROM INJECTION-MOLDED MATERIAL

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